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### **Fallen towers still unexplained**

Given the task of explaining why a 47-story steel framed structure collapsed symmetrically in seven seconds, the scientists at NIST (Washington, D.C.) blamed a "new phenomenon" that allowed structural steel to fail due to the heat of an ordinary hydrocarbon fire similar to those "...experienced in other tall buildings..."

Although I am not a scientist, I have the ability to read in the English language. And I did read in Appendix C of FEMA's World Trade Center Building Performance Study, that the steel from 7 World Trade Center showed evidence of a "severe high temperature corrosion attack on the steel, including oxidation and sulfidation, with subsequent intergranular melting..." NIST does not explain how a hydrocarbon fire could produce temperatures high enough to cause these reactions. And NIST does not explain how a gravity-induced collapse occurring symmetrically at free-fall speed does not contradict basic Newtonian physics. Coincidentally, two other steel-framed high-rise structures

collapsed symmetrically at free-fall speed the same day. But what do I know? I'm not a scientist.

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